

Remarks

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action mailed March 17, 2006, applicant hereby elects Group III while reserving the right to file continuation and divisional patent applications directed to the non-elected claims. Group III was identified by the Examiner as including claims 8-11, drawn to a filter for use in an engine oil system (using a solid metal foil), classified in Class 210, subclass 501.

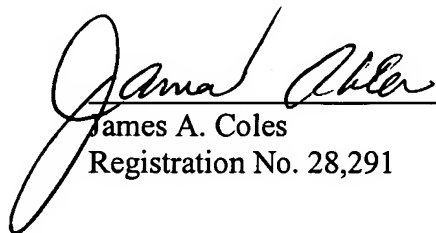
By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-7 and 12-15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Thus, claims 8-11 are presently pending in the above-identified application. Applicant submits that all of claims 8-11 are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

If necessary, applicant requests that this response be considered a request for an extension of time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this response be charged to the deposit account of Bose McKinney & Evans, Deposit Account No. 02-3223.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below should any question or comments arise during the course of consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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